Governor Carney Announces Launch of GEAR Website to Identify Cost Savings

State employees, members of the public can submit ideas for cost savings, improvements across state government



WILMINGTON, Del. — Governor Carney on Thursday announced the launch of a <u>website</u> for the Government Efficiency and Accountability Review Board, <u>gear.delaware.gov</u>, to identify opportunities for cost savings and system improvements across state government.

In February, Governor Carney signed Executive Order #4 establishing the <u>Government Efficiency and Accountability</u> <u>Review (GEAR)</u> Board to help identify, on an ongoing basis and over the long-term, opportunities for cost savings and efficiencies that will improve the delivery of state services.

"We have an obligation to spend taxpayer dollars wisely, find ways to more efficiently allocate state resources, and direct investments where they are most needed," said **Governor Carney**. "GEAR is a long-term effort committed to those goals. This website will help us solicit ideas from state employees, and Delawareans across our state, to improve the way our state government does business. Delawareans expect us to responsibly manage their money, and we're committed to doing just that."

The <u>GEAR Board</u>, which started meeting earlier this year, will develop recommendations for increasing efficiency and effectiveness across state government. Its members will

explore ways to improve Delaware's strategic financial planning process, and expand the use of metrics in determining how to allocate state resources.

By December 1 of each year, the board will submit a report to the Governor, including recommendations that may be included in the recommended state budget. Recommendations could include ways that state government agencies can share services, and new methods for improving the recruitment, development, and retention of state employees.

GEAR's recommendations will be intended to consistently improve the way the state delivers services, and to improve the quality of those services.

Delawareans can visit the new <u>GEAR website</u> to learn more about the group's mission and areas of focus, and to submit ideas for improvement.

"We are appreciative of the continuing input that GEAR has received to date from State employees and the public," said James Myran, Director of GEAR, and Bryan Sullivan, OMB Director of Management Efficiency. "The new website offers an additional means to share new ideas for sustainable improvements to the efficiency of government operations and demonstrates a commitment to creating a culture of continuous improvement statewide."

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